642 The original Caribs acknowledged no form of government, and all were equal; thus, doubtless through atavism, they do not have all the respect they should for the native chief whom British authority
643 gave them, while leaving them their autonomy. Our first visit was to this chief, whom locally they call the king of the Caribs. In examining the first page of the Carib Reserve Dominica Land Register, one finds: No. 1 Corriette Jules Benjamin, Carib Chief; born 1853; Father: Benjamin Jules; Mother: Marie Ann Fanchine; /No children/ Corriette is a man who looks younger than the date of his birth would indicate; he is typical of his race and has gray moustaches; he is unfortunately dressed in European clothes, which deprives him of (ce qui lui enleve tout cachet) any style. This chief has not set a good example of conservation of the race in marrying a black woman by whom he has moreover had no children. He has adopted a young black mestizo Carib, who lives under his roof together with his elder sister.

217 The Carib chief keeps several registers in English which he
692 allowed us to consult at leisure. One of these registers is the Register of Justice, where all misdemeanors are entered. In simple cases the chief gives judgment himself; here is an example: "The /141/ 8th of March 1914, Annesty Lochat came to tell me that Meamie Alenas had opened the door of her house and had stolen a drinking glass and I settled the matter." In more serious cases, the chief refers them to British courts, as witness the following case: "The 4th of December 1912, Tewar presented himself to me, and told me that Bay Bay had killed his pig in his yard, although the animal had done no harm and without Bay Bay having warned him. I could not settle the controversy; I therefore sent them both before the magistrate." According
[674] to the ancient writers, the Caribs were trusting and hospitable and their houses stood always open; they did not know theft until the arrival of the Europeans, and when they missed something, they said that "the Christians had come to their houses." One can see from what has been said that they put themselves on a level with their
217 conquerors. A Register of the Civil State (1) is also kept. The

1. This register mentions not only the Caribs of pure stock, but also mestizos; it therefore is concerned with the entire present population of the Carib territory.